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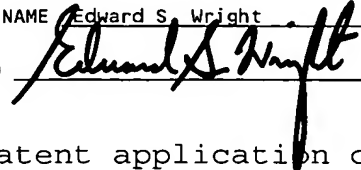
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRE-TEARING STRINGS OF AIR-FILLED PACKING MATERIALS AND THE LIKE**

       Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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       Prior Art Statement  
  X     3   Sheets of drawing(s)  
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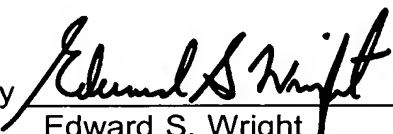
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